Dear Mr. Tatro, 9/7/00

It is impossible for me to respond fully to your 8/29 and enclosures because in a week I'll be hospitalized for arterial surgery. I do not ~~kn~~ know how long it will be before I'll be able to work fully at what keeps me more than busy.

You ask about Exhibits 133A and B. I've had doubts about them and I do not trust the HSCA's experts, so I don't really know.

On th "tramp" sketch: that is not the one prepared in Memphis. It was prepared a little later in Mexico City, by an artist, so it is not "the Martin Luther King composite drawing." There also are several others prepared by the FBI from witness descriptions of various people.

The pages from the Grassy Knoll Gazette of 7/4/00 refer to and quote Guinn. On p. 9 he is quoted as having said in 8/64 that "I cannot say what ~~we~~ found out about Oswald..." (emphasis added) until the WC was out. If you can provide a copy of that story I'd appreciate it because it does indicate that he was in on the Nichols and all my information, from many records and deposing Gallagher and others, is that he not only was not in on them but was not trusted by the FBI.

If you have spare copies of the Nichols photos to which you refer I'd appreciate copies on the possibility of using them in litigation. Guinn's speculations about the curbstone are not valid. Byzantine as it may appear, there is little doubt that it was patched before the FBI dug it up and "tested" it.

The Springfield FBI stonewalled you. If you want to follow that further I suggest that you ask them to respond from their records, your request, not what was released by FBIHQ and that if the response is not satisfactory to appeal that to them again, with copies of the request(s) and response(s).

If you want to butt against the CIA stonewall again you might tell them that they, supposedly, are processing all JFK assassination records and that what you asked for should be included in them, that these requests are at least 5 years old, etc., and that there is considerable public interest in knowing whether the arms was made for the CIA, as the FBI hints, or whether the FBI was up to its usual trick of trying to put the nut on the CIA. (It did this with other matters, as I have turned over to a reporter, and I'll provide him with copies, asking him to withhold your name.) Tell them you are not asking them to do research but to either provide existing records or notify you that no pertinent record exist after a search made in good faith and with due diligence.

Flanders is no longer FBI FOIPA chief and the SA who wrote that letter, Martin Wood, has been reassigned, but the replacements are experienced stonewallers. What they sent you is from FBIHQ records only. However, I don't know what else can be in Springfield unless you do not trust the Klin letters.

Thanks and best wishes,